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Field Crops Report

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 70 percent not being harvested, 9 percent light, 10 percent moderate and 11 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 34 percent good and 46 percent excellent.

Small Grains emergence is completed, while heading is just getting underway. As of February 22, there were 100 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 100 percent of **Winter Wheat**, 100 percent of **Barley** and 100 percent of **Other Small Grains** was reported as emerged.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 40 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 9 percent good and 18 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair to good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

Herbs, Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, chinese cabbage, head lettuce, mixed greens, parsley, romaine lettuce and spinach. Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, green onions, head lettuce, leaf lettuce, mixed greens, parsley, romaine lettuce, spinach and spring mix last week.

Citrus producers harvested grapefruit, lemons, minneolas, navels, fairchilds and tangerines in central and western Arizona last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures throughout the State were normal for the week ending February 21. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees above normal at Prescott to normal at Casa Grande and Gila Bend. The highest temperature of the week was 85 degrees at Casa Grande and Tucson, while the lowest reading was 11 degrees at Winslow. Precipitation was reported at 6 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.02 inches at Prescott to 0.29 inches at Kingman.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 15 TO FEBRUARY 21, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	39	3	66	17	0.06	0.77	1.31
Casa Grande	57	0	85	32	0.00	0.98	1.39
Coolidge	56	1	84	30	0.00	1.24	1.58
Douglas	50	3	81	29	0.00	0.48	1.25
Flagstaff	33	2	56	12	0.12	1.12	4.10
Gila Bend	60	0	83	39	0.00	0.60	1.25
Grand Canyon	34	3	59	12	0.20	1.61	2.76
Kingman	48	2	73	27	0.29	0.48	2.01
Parker	59	2	83	42	0.13	0.13	1.36
Payson	43	2	66	23	0.00	1.11	4.04
Phoenix	60	2	81	42	0.00	0.85	1.39
Prescott Airport	41	4	68	24	0.02	1.02	2.08
Safford Ag Center	50	3	79	23	0.00	0.80	1.31
Tucson	56	2	85	36	0.00	0.93	1.66
Willcox	48	3	77	29	0.00	1.31	1.85
Winslow	41	2	72	11	0.00	0.39	0.85
Yuma	62	1	81	44	0.00	0.38	0.59

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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